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Title: LOCKING SYSTEM AND FLOORING BOARD

Group Art Unit: 3637

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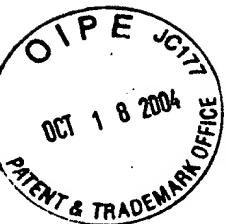

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The Examiner's attention is directed to copending application number 10/808,455, naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on March 25, 2004, and the documents cited therein. A copy of the application is enclosed.

☐ In accordance with MPEP § 609 III C(2) (August 2001, page 600-131), the Office is requested to return a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement with the Examiner's initials adjacent to this paragraph indicating that this copending application has been considered. By citation to the copending application, confidentiality is not waived and the Office is requested to maintain the confidentiality of the copending application under 35 U.S.C. § 122.

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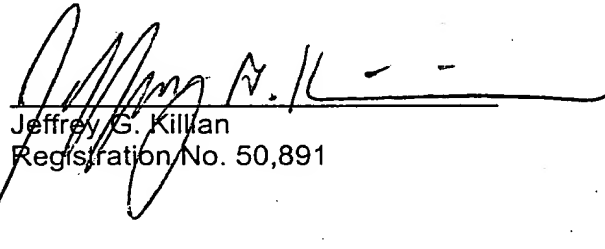
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Document Number	Kind Code (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Issue/Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
	3,548,559		LEVINE	12-22-1970
	4,646,494		SAARINEN et al.	03-03-1987
	5,899,038		STROPPIANA	05-04-1999
	6,247,285	B1	MOEBUS	06-19-2001
	6,505,452	B1	HANNIG et al.	01-14-2003
	6,606,834	B2	MARTENSSON et al.	08-19-2003
	6,722,809	B2	HAMBERGER et al.	04-20-2004

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	Darko PERVAN, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/808,455, entitled "Flooring and Method for Installation and Manufacturing Thereof" filed March 25, 2004.

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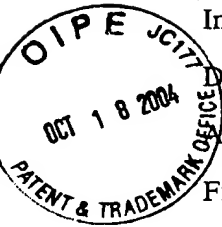
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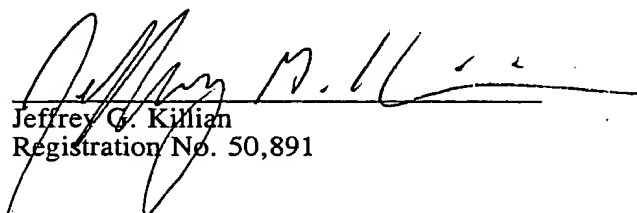
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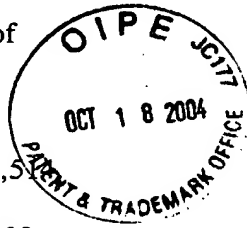
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The documents being submitted all relate to joined panels and/or joined flooring. Applicant asserts that the relevance of each document can be ascertained at least from at least the drawing figures.

Also, the Examiner is advised that a complaint was filed in U.S. District Court (S.D.N.Y.) on June 18, 2003, concerning U.S. Patent Nos. 6,023,907 and 6,516,579. A complaint was also filed in U.S. District Court (E.D. Wisc.) on March 6, 2001, concerning U.S. Patent Nos. 5,860,267; 6,023,907 and 6,162,410 and a complaint was also filed in U.S. District Court (E.D. Wisc.) on May 15, 2001, concerning U.S. Patent Nos. 6,023,907 and 6,162,410. Finally, a complaint was also filed in U.S. District Court (D. Del.) on March 5, 2003, concerning U.S. Patent No. 6,516,579. If the Examiner would like copies of any documents related to the complaints, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned. For the Examiner's convenience, a table listing all pending litigation is enclosed.

There have been no decisions in any of the listed District Court cases that have concerned the scope or validity of any of the U.S. patents.

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PENDING PATENT LITIGATION - Valinge Aluminium AB

Case No.	Docket No./ Court/Filing Date	Judge	Plaintiffs	Defendants	Patents ¹	Status
	00-CV-1618 (D.D.C.) (7/7/00)	J. Kessler	Pergo, Inc.	Alloc, Inc. Berry Finance N.V. Valinge Aluminium AB	Valinge '267, '907 and '621 patents (Decl. Judgment Action)	- Stayed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1659 until the ITC decision becomes final (<i>but see</i> 3/3/03 Order from J. Kessler).
	00-CV-1823 (D.D.C.) (7/28/00)	J. Kessler (transferred to J. Randa)	Unilin Beheer BV Unilin D�cor N.V. BHK of America	Valinge Aluminium AB Berry Finance N.V. Berry USA	Valinge '267, '907 and '621 patents (Decl. Judgment Action) ----- Unilin U.S. Patent No. 6,006,486 patent (Infringement Action)	- J. Kessler transferred to E.D. Wisc. (J. Randa) in 03/3/03 Order. - No activity other than jurisdictional and transfer motions before J. Kessler. - Now pending before J. Randa in E.D. Wisc. (<i>see</i> 3/12/03 Order).
	01-C-0216 (E.D. Wisc.) (3/6/01)	J. Randa	Alloc, Inc. Berry Finance, N.V. Valinge Aluminium AB	Columbia Forest Products, Inc.	Valinge '267, '907 and '410 patents (Infringement Action)	- Stayed pending the outcome of 00-CV-1823 and 00-C-0999.
	00-C-0999 (E.D. Wisc.) (7/14/00)	J. Randa	Alloc, Inc. Berry Finance, N.V. Valinge Aluminium AB	Unilin D�cor N.V. BHK of America, Inc. Pergo, Inc.	Valinge '267 and '907 patents (Infringement Action)	- On 4/16/03, the Court issued an order staying this case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1659 until the ITC decision becomes final.
	00-C-1377 (E.D. Wisc.) (10/25/00)	J. Randa	Alloc, Inc. Berry Finance, N.V. Valinge Aluminium AB	Tarkett, Inc.	Valinge '267 and '907 patents (Infringement Action)	- On 4/20/03, the Court issued an order staying this case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1659 until the ITC decision becomes final.
	01-C-0486 (E.D. Wisc.) (5/15/01)	J. Randa	Alloc, Inc. Berry Finance, N.V. Valinge Aluminium AB	Shaw Industries, Inc.	Valinge '907 and '410 patents (Infringement Action)	- Stayed pending the outcome of 00-CV-1823 and 00-C-0999.

¹ U.S. Patent No. 5,706,621 (the '621 patent)
U.S. Patent No. 5,860,267 (the '267 patent)
U.S. Patent No. 6,023,907 (the '907 patent)
U.S. Patent No. 6,162,410 (the '410 patent)
U.S. Patent No. 6,516,579 (the '579 patent)

PENDING PATENT LITIGATION - Välinge Aluminium AB

Case No.	Docket No./ Court/Filing Date	Judge	Plaintiffs	Defendants	Patents'	Status
	02-1291 02-1222 (Fed. Cir.)	J. Michel J. Rader J. Schall	Alloc, Inc. (appellants) Berry Finance, N.V. Välinge Aluminium AB	U.S. ITC (appellee) Pergo, Inc. (intervenor) Roysol Akzentia Paneele + Profile Unilin Décor N.V. BHK of America, Inc. Meister-Leisten Schulte	Välinge '267, '907 and '410 patents (Infringement action under § 337 of Tariff Act of 1930)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ITC found that patents were not shown to be invalid and found that there was no infringement. - Appeal pending before U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Oral Argument heard on 03/07/03.
	03-253 (D.Del.) (03/05/03)	J. Sleet	Alloc, Inc. Berry Finance, N.V. Välinge Aluminium AB	Unilin Décor N.V. QuickStep Flooring	Välinge's '579 Patent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alloc's Motion to Strike and Unilin's Motion to Stay are both pending. <p style="text-align: center;">F</p>
	##-### (SD NY) Filed June 18, 2003	Not yet assigned	Alloc, Inc. (appellants) Berry Finance, N.V. Välinge Aluminium AB	Norman D. Lifton Co., Balta U.S. Inc., Balterio	Välinge's '579 and '907 Patents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Filed June 18,

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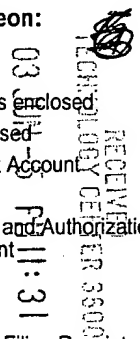
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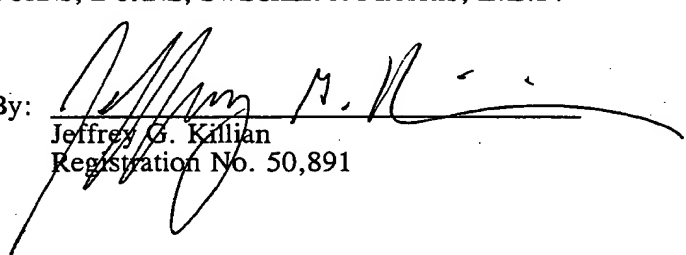
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The documents are being submitted after a first Office Action on the merits but prior to the closing of prosecution, therefore under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) the fee in the amount of \$180.00 (1806) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed.

The documents being submitted all relate to joined panels and/or joined flooring. Applicant asserts that the relevance of each document can be ascertained at least from at least the drawing figures.

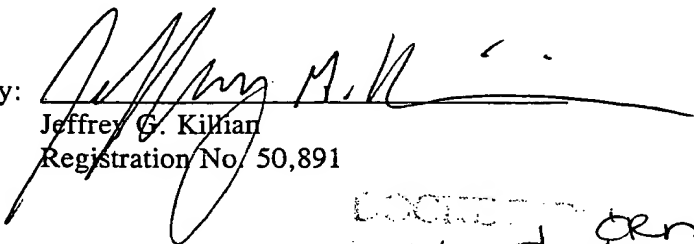
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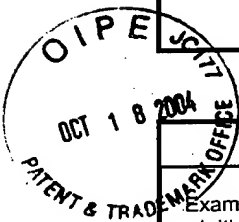
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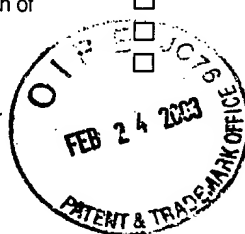
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Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying form PTO-1449 for the above-identified patent application.

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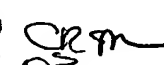
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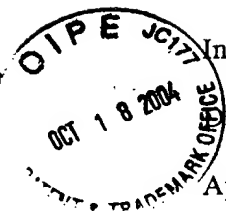
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The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) no fee or statement is required.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to copending application numbers 09/816,166 naming Darko PERVAN as inventor(s) and filed on March 26, 2001, 09/954,180 naming Darko PERVAN as inventor(s) and filed on September 18, 2001, 09/954,064 naming Darko PERVAN and Tony PERVAN as inventor(s) and filed on September 18, 2001, 10/043,149 naming Darko PERVAN as inventor(s) and filed on January 14, 2002, 10/043,424 naming Darko PERVAN as inventor(s) and filed on January 14, 2002, and 10/100,032 naming Darko PERVAN as inventor(s) and filed on March 19, 2002, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/171,752 naming Darko PERVAN et al. as inventor(s) and filed on June 17, 2002, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/202,093 naming Tony PERVAN as inventor(s) and filed on July 25, 2002, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/202,098 naming Tony PERVAN as inventor(s) and filed on July 25, 2002, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/202,102 naming Tony PERVAN as inventor(s) and filed on July 25, 2002, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/205,395 naming Darko PERVAN et al. as inventor(s) and filed on July 26, 2002, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/235,940 naming Darko PERVAN et al. as inventor(s) and filed September 6, 2002, and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/256,167 naming Darko PERVAN as

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 In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609(c)(2) (August 2001, page 600-131), the Office is requested to return a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement with the Examiner's initials adjacent to this paragraph indicating that this copending applications have been considered. By citation to the copending applications, confidentiality is not waived and the Office is requested to maintain the confidentiality of the copending applications under 35 U.S.C. § 122.

Copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/235,940 was originally filed in a non-English language. A copy of the original application and the English language substitute specification (including drawings) are submitted herein.

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